Power situation in Tamil Nadu

2275. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is huge power shortage in Tamil Nadu, which caused enormous loss in the Industrial Sector;

(b) if so, whether Government has analyzed the reasons for such power shortage; and

(c) the details of power projects implemented during the last five years in Tamil Nadu and the number of power projects pending in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) During the current financial year 2008-09 (April-November, 2008), Tamil Nadu experienced average energy shortage of 7.9 % and peak shortage of 5.5 %. However, no specific information regarding loss in industrial sector due to power shortage is available.

The main reason for shortage of power in Tamil Nadu is growth in energy/peak requirement outstripping growth in availability of power. Apart from this, delayed and insufficient rains in catchment areas of reservoirs and hydro power projects, has resulted in energy shortage for all the Southern Region States.

(c) Details of power projects already commissioned in the state of Tamil Nadu since beginning of 2003-04, according to information compiled by the Central Electricity Authority, are as under:—

Name of the project/Executing Agency/Unit No.	Sector	Capacity (MW)	Year of Commissioning
Thermal			
Neyveli FST Extn., NLC, Unit-2	Central	210	2003-04
Kuttalam CCPP, TNEB GT	State	63	2003-04
ST		37	
Karuppur CCPP, A.P. Co. Ltd. GT	Private	70	2004-05
Vallantharvi GTPP, Arkay Energy, GT	Private	38	2005-06
Karuppur CCPP, A.P. Co. Ltd. GT	Private	49.8	2005-06
Vallantharvi GTPP, Arkay Energy, ST	Private	14.8	2006-07
Valuthur CCPP, TNEB, Phase-II GT	State	59.8	2008-09
ST		32.4	
Hydro			
Pykara Ultimate HEP, TNEB, Unit-1	State	50	2005-06
Unit-2		50	
Unit-3		50	
Bhawani Kattalai Barrage, TNEB, Unit-1	State	15	2006-07
Unit-2		15	